

**IOWA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF ELDER  
AFFAIRS**

# Legislative Update

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## Under the Dome

[HF 2734](#), the Health and Human Services Appropriations bill remains in the Senate. While the legislature had hoped to adjourn by April 18<sup>th</sup>, expect the second year of Iowa's 81<sup>st</sup> General Assembly to continue at least an extra week. Legislators are working behind the scenes to reach final compromise on a number of issues, with education being a difficult subject to resolve.

## Legislators Have a Decision to Make Regarding Iowa's Frail Elders

The Department appreciates the work of legislators and their efforts to strengthen the Case Management Program for Frail Elders (CMPFE). The Department stands behind its analysis of the program costs and the Governor's request of 3 million dollars, but we expect the legislature to appropriate less than this amount. We look forward to the implementation of this long over due enhancement of the case management service in Iowa. We will do what we can with the final appropriation to implement an enhanced case management system that meets the needs of older Iowans.

## Winning Compliance – Consumer Information

It is our understanding that at this time, the Department's request for additional dollars related to consumer education in the areas of adult day services, elder group homes and assisted living has not been funded in [HF 2734](#). The purpose of the request was to develop consumer education materials related to occupancy agreements, tenant landlord law, minimum standards, etc... Consumers are often misinformed or uninformed regarding issues that directly impact their decision to purchase these long term care products. As the state has moved to a concept of shared risk in an effort to increase consumer choice and share risk, consumers are often unaware of the direct impact this has on their decisions.

## Personal Needs Allowance and Brain Injury Services Program Move to Senate Calendar

On Wednesday, the Senate Appropriations Standing Committee met and moved forward a number of bills to the Senate Calendar. Two that are germane to older Iowans are [HF 2319](#), which increases the Personal Needs

**NOTICE:****Senior Living  
Coordinating  
Unit**

Friday,  
April 21<sup>st</sup>  
9:30am  
Johnston  
Public Library

**Department  
of Elder  
Affairs  
Commission**

Friday,  
April 21<sup>st</sup>  
1:00pm  
Johnston  
Public Library

Caring for an Older  
Iowan? Bookmark  
the Iowa Family  
Caregiver website:  
[www.iowafamily  
caregiver.org/](http://www.iowafamilycaregiver.org/)

Allowance (PNA) from \$30.00 to \$50.00 for individuals on Medicaid residing in institutional settings. Also moving forward is [HF 2772](#) related to the Brain Injury Services Program. This appropriations bill will assist in moving individuals off of waiting lists and adds a cost share component.

**Older Americans Act  
Reauthorization**

On the Administration on Aging website, there's a new document titled "Choices for Independence" regarding the 2006 reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. View it online at: [www.aoa.gov/about/legbudg/oa/legbudg\\_oaa.asp](http://www.aoa.gov/about/legbudg/oa/legbudg_oaa.asp) (click on *Choices for Independence* under the heading *2006 Reauthorization of OAA*).

**Voter Resources**

**Click on the following links to the [Secretary of State's](#) website for more information:**

[Register to Vote](#)  
[Iowa Voter Guide](#)  
[Absentee Ballot Application](#)  
[Absentee Voting for Iowans in the Military or Overseas](#)

**[2006 Primary Candidate List](#)**

**Iowan's with Disabilities in Action** is a non-partisan initiative of the Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council. ID Action also has a website with voter information at: [www.idaction.org/](http://www.idaction.org/)

**Revised Charitable Non-Profit Guide**

[Iowa Principles and Practices for Charitable Nonprofit Non-profit Excellence](#) is a guide to assist non-profit organizations in management practices, ethical conduct and public accountability. (This is also offered through the Secretary of State's office).

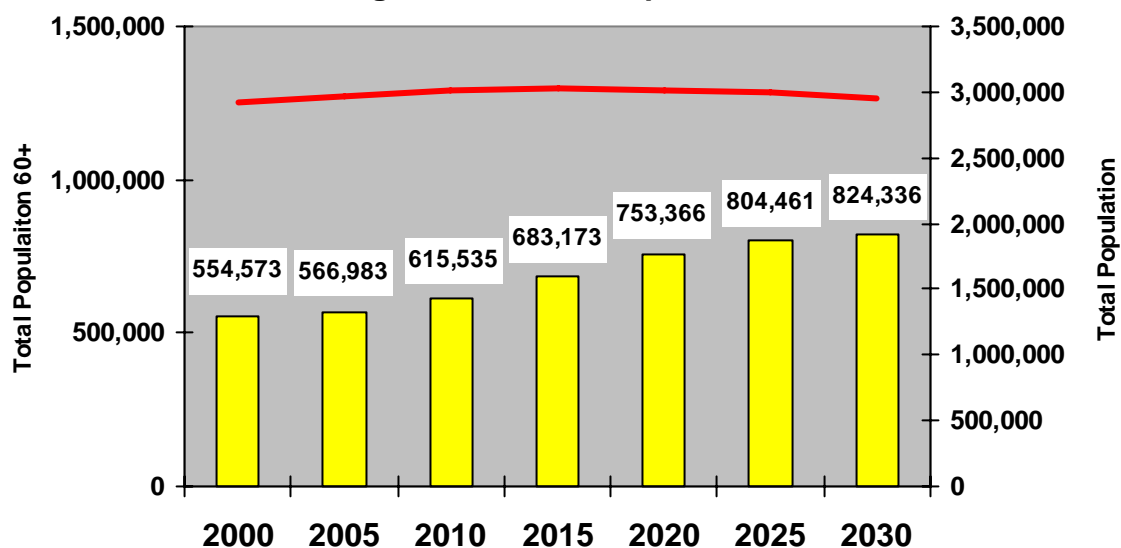
**Department of Elder  
Affairs – 40 Years!**

The year 2006 marks the department's 40<sup>th</sup> year as Iowa's State Unit on Aging. The Department of Elder Affairs has made significant contributions to the dignity and welfare of older Iowans in countless recorded and unrecorded ways during these forty years. We honor the Older Iowans who have played, and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, social, and educational role in the history of Iowa.

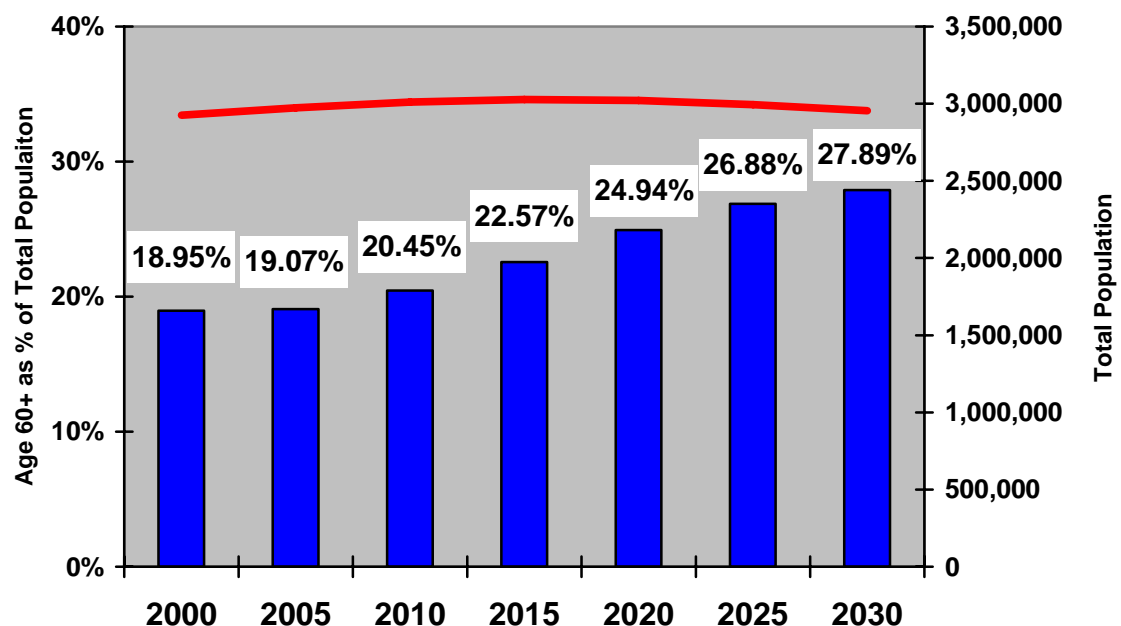
Looking forward, the department will continue to collaborate with its partners in Iowa's aging network to meet the needs of the coming generation of older Iowans which is expected to grow by 44% by the year 2030.

In a future Legislative Update, we will provide more information about the history and accomplishments of the Department of Elder Affairs!!!

**Iowa 5 Year Population Projections  
Age 60+ & Total Population**



**Iowa % Year Population Projections  
Age 60+ as % of Total Population & Total Population**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Interim State Population Projections, 2005  
Prepared by The Iowa Department of Elder Affairs, 2005

For more information,  
the Iowa Legislature  
General Assembly  
homepage is  
[www.legis.state.ia.us](http://www.legis.state.ia.us)

## In the Legislature

*The following is a listing of the bills the department is monitoring. If you would like more information on a particular bill, click on its number and you will be directed to the Iowa General Assembly's online bill book.*

### House Files

#### [HF 2002](#) Senior Living Trust Fund

By: Raecker and Kuhn House Appropriations Heaton, Kuhn, and Raecker Senate Appropriations Angelo and Dvorsky

[HF 2022](#) Cigarette Taxes By: Tomenga and Olson R. Ways and Means

#### [HF 2026](#) Non-Profit Tax Exemption

By: Paulsen Ways and Means Paulson, Kaufmann, Huser

#### [HF 2045](#) SS-Pension Income Phase Out

By: Ways and Means Ways and Means Senate Ways and Means Connelly & Wieck, Miller, Quirnbach (Successor to [HSB 502](#)) Passed House to Senate

#### [HF 2049](#) Senior Property Tax Freeze

By: Butka Ways and Means

#### [HF 2055](#) Long Term Care Deduction

By: Frevert House Ways and Means

#### [HF 2147](#) Temporary Conservators

By: Huser, Swaim, Gaskill and Petersen House Judiciary Heaton, Anderson, Foege Placed on Calendar under Unfinished Business, FM: Schoenjahn

[HF 2171](#) Elder Fishers By: Committee on Natural Resources House Natural Resources Senate Natural Resources Dearden & Gaskill, Black, Putney (Successor to [HF 2039](#)) Passed Senate to the Governor

#### [HF 2186](#) Health Related

Appropriations By: Wendt House Appropriations (Companion to [SF 2119](#))

#### [HF 2215](#) Rule Regulatory Analysis

By: Eichhorn House State Government Roberts, Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga Senate State Government Connolly, Tinsman, Brunkhorst, Kibbie Placed on Calendar under Unfinished Business

#### [HF 2238](#) Federal Block Grants By:

Committee on Appropriations House Appropriations Senate Appropriations (Formerly [HSB 563](#)) Signed by the Governor

#### [HF 2270](#) Domestic Violence

Brochure By: Ford House Appropriations

#### [HF 2319](#) Personal Needs Allowance

By: Committee on Human Resources (Successor to [HF 2057](#)) Passed House to Senate, See [SF 2239](#)

#### [HF 2347](#) Health Care

Transformation Act By: Committee on Human Resources House Human Resources House Appropriations Successor to [HF 2042](#), Sub for [SF 2051](#) Signed by the Governor

#### [HF 2363](#) Veterans at Health Care

Facilities By: Committee on Veterans Affairs House Veterans Affairs Senate State Government Danielson, Tinsman, Kibbie, Zieman (Successor to [HSB 574](#)) Passed Senate and Sent to the Governor

#### [HF 2383](#) Rent Reimbursement By:

Struyk, Huser, Dandekar, & Mertz House Ways and Means Struyk, Drake, Huser

**[HF 2424](#) Emergency Rule Making**

*By: Administrative Rules Committee*  
House State Government Roberts (C),  
Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga  
**Passed House to Senate, See [SF 2334](#)**

**[HF 2464](#) Nursing Student**

**Background Checks** *By: Committee*  
*on Human Resources* House Human  
Resources (*Successor to [HSB 656](#)*)  
**Signed by the Governor**

**[HF 2492](#) MR Case Payments** *By:*

*Committee on Human Resources*  
Senate Human Resources Hatch,  
Tinsman, Bolkcom, Houser (*Successor*  
*to [HF 2021](#)*) **Sent to the Governor**

**[HF 2501](#) Apartment Assessment** *By:*

*Struyk, Huser, & McCarthy* House  
Ways and Means

**[HF 2506](#) Identity Theft Passports** *By:*

*Commerce, Regulations & Labor*  
(*Successor to [HF 2247](#)*) **Passed Senate**  
**and sent to the Governor**

**[HF 2553](#) Senior Property**

**Assessments** *By: May* House Ways  
and Means

**[HF 2588](#) Health Facility Employee**

**Checks** *By: Committee on Human*  
*Resources* House Ways and Means  
Kurtenbach, Eichhorn, Quirk Senate  
Human Resources Ragan, Seymour,  
Johnson, Wood (*Formerly [HSB 677](#)*)  
**Passed Senate to Governor**

**[HF 2593](#) Executive Lobbist Rules**

*By: Committee on State Government*  
Senate State Government Danielson,  
Ward, Brunkhorst, Kibbie (*Formerly*  
*[HSB 534](#)*) **Passed Senate to Governor**

**[HF 2630](#) State Spending** *By: Eichhorn*

*et al.* House Appropriations Watts,  
Petersen, and Roberts

**[HF 2652](#) No Contact Orders** *By:*

*Committee on Judiciary* (*Successor*  
*to [HSB 718](#)*) **Passed Senate to**  
**Governor**

**[HF 2698](#) Customer Council Decisions**

*By: Committee on State Government*  
Senate State Government (*Successor*  
*to [HSB 624](#)*) **Placed on Calendar**  
**under Unfinished Business**

**[HF 2706](#) Private Donor Records** *By:*

*Committee on State Government*  
(*Successor to [HSB 687](#)*) **Passed House**  
**to Senate, Sub for [SF 2270](#)**

**[HF 2716](#) Malpractice** *By: Committee*

*on Judiciary* (*Successor to [HSB 676](#)*)  
**Passed House to Senate, See [SF 2356](#)**

**[HF 2734](#) House Appropriations Bill**

*By: Committee on Appropriations*  
Senate Appropriations Hatch, Tinsman,  
Angelo, Dvorsky (*Successor to [HSB](#)*  
*[764](#)*) **Passed House to Senate**

**[HF 2742](#) Probate and Trust Codes**

*By: Committee on Judiciary*  
(*Successor to [HSB 720](#)*) **Passed House**  
**to Senate, See [SF 2300](#)**

**[HF 2746](#) State Employee Vehicles** *By:*

*Committee on Government Oversight*  
Senate Government Oversight  
Committee Connolly & Wieck  
(*Successor to [HF 849](#)*)

**[HF 2752](#) State Bidding Requirements**

*By: Committee on Government*  
*Oversight* (*Successor to [HSB 508](#)*)  
**Placed on Calendar**

**[HF 2772](#) Brain Injury Services** *By:*

*Committee on Appropriations* Senate  
Appropriations Lamberti & Ragan,  
Tinsman, Hatch (*Formerly [HF 2561](#)*)  
(*Formerly [HF 2325](#)*) **Passed House to**  
**Senate**

**[HF 2780](#) MH/MR/DD/BI Services**

*By: Committee on Appropriations*  
(*Formerly [HF 2616](#)*) (*Formerly [HF](#)*  
*[2338](#)*) **FM: Heaton**

**[HF 2787](#) Child and Dependent**

**Credit** *By: Committee on Ways and*  
*Means* (*Successor to [HSB 774](#)*)





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### Senate Files

**[SF 341](#) Long-term Living System** By: *Human Resources* (Formerly [SSB 1272](#)) **Senate Defers (4/28/05)**

**[SF 355](#) Medicare Part D Task Force** By: *Human Resources* (Formerly [SSB 1204](#))

**[SF 416](#) Cigarette Tax and Property Tax** By: *Ways and Means House Ways and Means Van Fossen (C), Kurtenbach, Shomshor* (Formerly [SSB 1322](#))

**[SF 2034](#) Suicide Prevention Office** By: *Ragan & Bolkcom Appropriations* Angelo and Dvorsky

**[SF 2037](#) Military Pension Exemption** By: *Miller Ways & Means Danielson & Zaun (C), Dotzler, Zieman*

**[SF 2038](#) Disabled Veterans Homestead** By: *Lamberti Ways & Means Dotzler & McKibben (C), Danielson, Zaun*

**[SF 2040](#) Long-term Care Credit** By: *Miller Ways & Means Connolly & Wieck (C), Stewart, Zaun*

**[SF 2044](#) Pension Income Phase Out** By: *Tinsman et al. Ways & Means Connolly & McKibben (C), Bolkcom, Zieman* (Companion to [HF 2045](#))

**[SF 2062](#) Senior Living Trust** **Appropriations** By: *Bolkcom et al. Senate Appropriations* Angelo & Dvorsky

**[SF 2070](#) LIHEAP Supplemental** By: *Hatch et al. Senate Appropriations* Angelo and Dvorsky

**[SF 2081](#) Veterans Cemetary** By: *Stewert Senate Appropriations* Angelo & Stewart, Kettering, Warnstadt

**[SF 2082](#) Veterans Home** By: *Ragan Senate Appropriations* Angelo & Dvorsky

**[SF 2113](#) Property Tax Reform** By: *Angelo et al. Senate Ways and Means Connolly & Miller, Quirmbach, Zieman*

### **[SF 2119](#) Health Related**

**Appropriations** By: *Warnstadt Senate Appropriations* Angelo & Dvorsky

**[SF 2124](#) Nutrition and Grant Exercise Grant Program** By: *Committee on Human Resources Senate Human Resources* (Successor to [SSB 3012](#)) **Signed by the Governor**

**[SF 2202](#) Nursing Facility Tax Assessments** By: *Beall Senate Ways and Means Quirmbach, Zieman, Bolkcom, and Miller*

**[SF 2231](#) State Employees Sick Leave** By: *Committee on State Government* (Successor to [SSB 3138](#)) **Signed by the Governor**

**[SF 2239](#) Personal Needs Allowance** By: *Committee on Human Resources Senate Appropriations* (Successor to [SF 2048](#))

**[SF 2253](#) Standings Bill** By: *Committee on Judiciary House Judiciary* (Successor to [SSB 144](#)) **Passed Senate and House to the Governor**

**[SF 2316](#) Administrative Rules Filings** By: *Committee on State Government* (Successor to [SSB 3083](#), and [SF 2216](#)) **Signed by the Governor**

**[SF 2327](#) Arrest Warrant Information** By: *Committee on Judiciary House Judiciary* (Successor to [SSB 3152](#)) **Passed House to Governor**

**[SF 2332](#) Iowa Food Policy Council** By: *Committee on State Government House State Government* (Successor to [SSB 3246](#)) **Passed Senate to House**

**[SF 2334](#) Governor Emergency Rules** By: *Committee on State Government Senate Appropriations* (Successor to [SF 2230](#)) **Placed on Calendar under Unfinished Business, FM: Kibbie**

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### Our Mission:

To provide advocacy,  
educational, and  
prevention services to  
older Iowans so they  
can find Iowa a  
healthy, safe,  
productive, and  
enjoyable place to  
live and work.

[SF 2338](#) **Indirect Costs** By: *Committee on Government Oversight* Senate Appropriations Connolly, Gaskill, Angelo, Dvorsky (Successor to [SSB 3118](#)) **Passed House to the Governor**

[SF 2367](#) **Prosthetic Device Coverage** By: *Committee on Commerce* (Successor to [SSB 1281](#)) **Referred back to Committee**

[SSB 3041](#) **Governor Senior Living Trust** By: *Governor's Budget Bill* Senate Appropriations Angelo & Dvorsky

## Upcoming Events and other Opportunities!

Mark Your Calendars...

### Annual Governor's Conference on Aging & Photo Contest

May 22 and 23, 2006

[www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#GCOA](http://www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#GCOA)

### Connecting with Experience: Iowa Governor's Conference on 50+ Workers

May 24, 2006

Information available at:

[www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#CESC](http://www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#CESC)

**NEW!** Register online: [www.cishrm.org/](http://www.cishrm.org/)

### Iowa Senior Olympics

June 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006

<http://iowaseniorympics.com/>

### Elder Rights Conference

October 9 and 10, 2006

[www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#ERC](http://www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#ERC)

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